

Remarks

Claims 19, 22 and 30-33 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 37 and 38 have been added. Claims 20, 21, 23-29 and 34-36 remain pending. Claims 20, 24, 28, 29, 34 and 35 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the present application is requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 20, 21, 28, 29 and 34-36 include allowable subject matter. Claims 20, 28, 29, 34 and 35 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form. Claim 21 depends from claim 20, and claim 36 depends from claim 35. It is respectfully submitted that claims 20, 21, 28, 29 and 34-36 are in condition for allowance. New claims 37 and 38 depend from claims 34 and 34 respectively. Accordingly, claims 37 and 38 should also be allowed.

Claims 19, 22-27 and 30-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Böhl, *The Fail-Stop Controller AE11*. Claims 19, 22 and 30-33 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 23-27 depend from claim 20; and the Examiner already has indicated that claim 20 includes allowable subject matter. Accordingly, this rejection should now be withdrawn.

All issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed herein. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Passage to issuance is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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